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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
6 AT SEATTLE

7 SUNTRUST BANKS, INC.,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 SEAKEEPER 70, LLC, et al.

11 Defendants.

C19-1481 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

12 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
13 Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

14 (1) Plaintiff's second motion for leave to serve by mail and for an extension of  
15 the time to effect service, docket no. 11, is GRANTED in part and DEFERRED in part,  
16 as follows.

17 (a) The deadline for plaintiff to effect service is EXTENDED until  
18 August 31, 2020.

19 (b) Plaintiff's motion is otherwise DEFERRED. Amidst the current  
20 COVID-19 crisis, the Court will not authorize a means of service that might put  
21 defendants, postal carriers, and/or others at risk. For service by mail to be  
22 effective, plaintiff must arrange for at least one copy of the summons and  
23 complaint to be delivered to defendants' "usual mailing address" and left with  
"a person of suitable age and discretion who is a resident, proprietor, or agent  
thereof." See RCW 4.28.080(17).<sup>1</sup> Such efforts are not consistent with the current  
social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines.

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has also cited to Washington Court Rule ("CR") 4(d)(4), which permits service by  
mail in "circumstances justifying service by publication," and requires that two copies of "the

1 (c) The noting date for plaintiff's motion is STRICKEN and will be  
2 reset when appropriate.

3 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of  
4 record.

5 Dated this 2nd day of April, 2020.

6 William M. McCool  
7 Clerk

8 s/Karen Dews  
9 Deputy Clerk

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22 summons and other process" be mailed, one by "ordinary" first class, postage prepaid, mail and  
23 the other by "a form of mail requiring a signed receipt showing when and to whom it was  
delivered." CR 4(d)(4).